(d) The low Staff to Telephone ratio in Kalyan is due to higher productivity of staff. This has not affected the operational efficiency of the Telecom District.

Allotment of STD/PCOs in Punjab

*193. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have beer; allotted telephone, STD/PCOs in the State of Punjab during the year 4995-96 and during the current year, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons proposed to be issued telephone, STD/PCOs during 1996-97, district-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that the necessary meetings for the allotment of STD/PCOs are not being conducted by the concerned telephone authorities in Punjab; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the instructions have been issued to the telephone authorities in the State of Punjab; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERM A): (a) and (b) The information is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) There are standing instructions to hold STD/PCO allotment committee meeting once a month if capacity earmarked for STD/PCOs is available in the exchange system. According to the available informition the allotment committee meetings have generally been held in accordance with the standing instructions in all Secondary Switching Areas of Punjab Telecom. Circle.

Statement

District-wise Allotment of Telephone/STD/PCOs in Punjab during the yean 1995-*% and current year*

	Telephones			STD/PCOs		
Name of Telecom District	Alloted during 1995-96	Allotted duiring 1996-97	Proposed during 1996-97	Allotted during 1995-96	Allotted during 1996-97	Proposed during 1996-97
Amritsar	14819	5894	12000	457	177	506
Bathinda	7698	3219	8000	387	—	219
Chandigarh	23519	4567	25000	310	167	1503
Ferozpur	13703	3168	10000	336	244	422
Hosiarpur	6215	2000	5000	218	246	130
Jalandhar	28044	4687	15000	1010		296
Ludhiana	23783	5942	50000	1499	581	2637
Pathankot	3660	977	13000	309	—	250
Patiala	14129	2361	6000	623	—	302
Ropar	*	167	1500	55	47	91
Sangrur	7840	2779	8000	127	119	294

*Newly created SSA.